

Students at Monday's presidential forum listen and ask questions in Dodd Auditorium.

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Who's Next?

LSU Admin Sets Agenda

By COREY BYERS
Associate Editor

After months of anticipation by the University of Mary Washington community, Risa Ileen Palm was the first new presidential candidate to address students, faculty, staff and members of the board of visitors on Monday afternoon.

"Mary Washington is clearly a gem in higher education; those who have been here [for many years] may not see how it glitters," Palm said in her opening remarks to hundreds of attendees in George



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Gould Touts Liberal Arts

By BETSY CRUMB
Editor in Chief

With a strong emphasis on the benefits of a liberal arts education, as well as student-president relations, presidential hopeful Karen Gould outlined her vision for Mary Washington in her speech yesterday afternoon.

"This candidate definitely focused on including students in her methodologies, which is really nice," said senior Senate president Grant Lahmann. "That's the biggest thing I got out of [her speech]."

With a doctorate in romance languages and



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GWU Dean Coming Friday

By KATIE TELLER
News Editor

William Frawley describes himself as "thoughtful, hard-working, accessible, authentic [and] engaged."

The presidential candidate, who originally went to college partially on a baseball scholarship before he "found that [he] was a much better academic than centerfielder," will speak to students and faculty at open forums Friday at both the Fredericksburg and Stafford campuses.

Frawley, 53, said his priorities would



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Adera Dies At 53

By KATIE TELLER
News Editor

A longtime University of Mary Washington English professor died unexpectedly at his home last week.

Tadesse Adera, 53, who had taught at the University since 1989, died Tuesday, Jan. 17.

Adera didn't come to classes on Tuesday, Jan. 17, and students and faculty were concerned. That night, his good friend, George King, physics department chair, went to his house.



No one came to the door and King called 911. King said it was a suspected heart attack.

The Mary Washington community has been left to mourn the loss of Adera, who had worked at the University for 16 years and was beloved by students and faculty alike.

"It's gonna be a terrible loss to the department and the University," said Teresa Kennedy, English department chair.

Faculty members remember him as a quiet person, a good friend and a dedicated teacher. Stephen Watkins, associate English professor and *Bullet* adviser, recalled a time when Adera went to great lengths to teach class.

Several years ago, he came to teach a night class when he was feeling ill, according to Watkins.

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Former MWC Cop Indicted

By KATY BURNELL
Assistant News Editor

A Mary Washington College graduate and former campus police officer was indicted by a Westmoreland County grand jury Oct. 27 on six felony charges and one misdemeanor charge, all of which stem from alleged sexual acts with minors.

David Wayne DiRosario, 52, one-time Colonial Beach mayor and three-term Westmoreland County supervisor, was originally arrested Nov. 10 by Virginia State Police as a result of an investigation that began in July, according to State Police spokesman Sgt. Kevin Barrack.

Barrack said that DiRosario, a 1987 graduate of Mary Washington is facing two felony counts of rape, three felony counts of sexual penetration with an inanimate object, one felony count of forcible sodomy, and one misdemeanor count of assault and battery.

The alleged incidents extend over a 14 year period beginning in 1991 and ending this July with two charges resulting from an alleged sexual encounter with a girl under 13.

Barrack said in the Westmoreland News that the ongoing investigation of DiRosario involves several members of his family.

DiRosario, formerly a sergeant on the Mary Washington campus police force, was employed by the school from 1977-1979, and again for 6 months in 1991 according to Sabrina Johnson,

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Find out more about the candidates at umw.edu/presidentialsearch

Students Stepping Up Involvement As Search Goes Down To The Wire

By STEPHANIE TAIT
News Editor

As the presidential search nears its end, students and faculty expressed concerns that they have not had enough say in the selection process.

As a result, students are organizing in order to voice their opinions for the choice of the president.

Senior Grant Lahmann, vice president of the student government association, said his organization is holding a public student forum for Friday.

"This should be a public discourse," Lahmann said. "Hopefully it will bring out appropriate opinions."

Lahmann said he initially thought of the student forum as a way for students to be actively involved in the selection of the next president.

"It's a good method for students to use," he said. "Right now we're lacking a unified student involvement."

Lahmann said the student forum on Friday would take a poll of the students present to see which candidate they preferred. The plan is to show short video clips of each candidate and then to have students discuss their thoughts on how each of the candidates answered the questions posed to them by students.

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Russell Howey/Bullet
Junior Marshall Vogt questions Risa Palm at Monday's forum.

5 Day Forecast



TODAY
Sunny

High: 48
Low: 23



FRIDAY
Sunny

High: 54
Low: 30



SATURDAY
Partly Cloudy

High: 60
Low: 36



SUNDAY
Showers

High: 52
Low: 45



MONDAY
Showers

High: 58
Low: 34

Verbatim ...

"Sometimes the upperclassmen are just not as good as the young kids coming in."

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BOV Raises Pres's Salary

By ELIZABETH KRIETSCH
Staff Writer

In the final months of William Anderson's 23-year term as president of the University of Mary Washington, the board of visitors has agreed to increase his annual salary to \$291,058. This includes a salary supplement of \$162,598 from the UMW foundation.

While this is a 4.4 percent increase from Anderson's previous salary of \$278,291, the amount is still lower than the compensation packages of most public-university presidents.

According to Mona Albertine, rector of the UMW board of visitors and chair of the presidential search advisory committee, Anderson's compensation is looked at yearly and adjustments are made as necessary.

"President Anderson has served the University well for 23 years and the board has tried to keep his salary competitive and in line with other state university presidents' compensation," Albertine said.

The Chronicle of Higher Education, a weekly newspaper that publishes articles discussing issues in higher education, said the median compensation for presidents of public research universities and public-college systems this year is \$360,000. This is a 10 percent jump from last year's median pay of \$328,400.

Many faculty members across the UMW campus got raises recently as well, but not the same 4.4 percent that Anderson was given. Most faculty members, including administrators, got 4 percent salary increases, while others got 5 percent and some got 3 percent increases.

According to Denis Nissim-Sabat, UMW faculty senate president, the reason Anderson got a 4.4 percent salary increase is because a portion of the money came from the UMW foundation.

Rick Hurley, executive vice president and chief financial officer at UMW, said the portion of Anderson's salary given to him by the UMW foundation comes from a fund controlled by the board of visitors, which is made up of private donations given to the University many years ago.

Many students and faculty members at UMW have mixed views on Anderson's salary increase. Marie McAllister, associate professor of English, feels that Anderson and many other faculty members at UMW are vastly underpaid, but thinks the board's decision was poorly timed.

"Just this month, lack of funds has forced UMW to put off implementing the living wage proposal that the administration supports," McAllister said. "If it's possible to raise money from private donors to supplement Dr. Anderson's salary, perhaps we need to work harder to raise money from private sources to supplement the salaries of the University's lowest-paid employees."

Sarah Eckman, chair of the College Democrats, had a similar opinion about Anderson's salary increase.

"There are other people on this campus who are far more in need of a raise than he is," she said. "I wish the faculty, staff and all other college employees had received something before the president did."

President Anderson is not alone in having his compensation package increased during the 2005-2006 academic year. As stated in The Chronicle, most public universities this year increased the total compensation given to their chief executives. Benefits and bonuses coming from private entities are often the reason that many public-university presidents have such large total compensation packages.

Anderson does receive some perks and bonuses similar to those that other college presidents are given. He is provided with a vehicle to drive, as well as a house to live in. The car is owned by the UMW foundation, and the home is owned and maintained by the University, which means it is property of the commonwealth of Virginia.

The complete compensation packages of many other college presidents in Virginia are significantly larger than Anderson's compensation package. Compared to the \$128,460 of Anderson's salary that comes from state funds, Charles W. Steger, president of Virginia Tech, and John T. Casteen III, president of The University of Virginia, both receive \$155,964 in public funds as part of their compensation packages. In addition they each receive over \$200,000 from private sources each year. With the addition of cars and homes that are funded by their universities, both Casteen and Steger receive a final compensation package of over \$600,000 per year.

Anderson's compensation package is also lower than those listed in The Chronicle of the presidents of Old Dominion University, Hampden-Sydney College, Washington and Lee, Lynchburg College, and Virginia Commonwealth University.

Despite the fact that Anderson's salary is lower than that of many other college presidents, some people on campus do not think it was necessary for Anderson's salary to be raised.

Ashley Jones, member of the living wage campaign, has strong feelings in opposition to Anderson's salary increase.

"I realize that they want to commend him on decades of service, but his salary has already been drastically inflated over the past few years," Jones said. "I also think

that it will be difficult for them to turn down the salary increases for the classified employees, now that they have shown there's enough money to continually give him unnecessary salary boosts."

According to Roger W. Bowen, general secretary of the American Association of University Professors, salary increases for university presidents have been larger than the salary increases for faculty members in recent years, which is often a source of anger for faculty members.

There are staff members at UMW whose opinions do not support Bowen's claim. Among them is Steven Stageberg, associate professor of economics.

"I believe that President Anderson and every employee at UMW should receive as much pay as they earn. If he receives 4.4 percent increase, then that's OK," Stageberg said.

Many universities have increased presidential salaries in order to attract qualified applicants when they are in the process of conducting a presidential search. An article in The Chronicle said large compensation packages are necessary to attract qualified candidates. This is because the pool of applicants to fill presidential vacancies has become smaller over the years as the role of the president at many public universities has become more difficult.

According to Albertine, Anderson's recent salary increase has nothing to do with UMW's current search for a new president. She said that this is the time of year that employee wage increases generally take effect, and that is why Anderson's compensation was looked at well.

The presidential search at UMW is moving along as planned, and three finalists will visit campus this week to be part of open forums. The board of visitors will select and announce the new president in February.



STEPH TAIT KATIE TELLER

Tait Teller

Ask
The
Newsies

I made a few New Year's resolutions, but I'm having a hard time staying on the wagon. What can I do?

The first step is acknowledging that you'd like to change. You've made that first step. Good job.

Since our inquirer didn't mention what her resolution was (how reticent?), we've decided to make this week's column cover all the usual suspects that emerge during resolution season.

"I want to get in shape"

Setting unrealistic goals won't get you anywhere. You'll just get frustrated and quit.

Tait & Teller both made resolutions to go to the gym, and we've both been able to stick with it so far. We've found that getting there when the gym isn't crowded is a great way to stick with it.

You won't have to wait for a treadmill and you won't have to listen to other people's annoying conversations.

Tait likes it in the morning.
Teller likes it at night.

"I want to quit smoking"

Smoking's one of the hardest things to give up. Seriously, it's like crack.

But it's not impossible. The Centers for Disease Control recommends setting a date, getting support from family and friends and altering some of your behaviors that make you want cigarettes.

"I want to get better grades"

You're going to have to get into the habit of studying. You're also going to have to get in the habit of going to class.

We recommend setting a time every day when you sit down and do your work in a quiet place without distractions. If you don't have anything due the next day, work ahead.

"I want to save money"

Try to keep track of what you spend. It will make you more cognizant of what you're spending your money on and where.

Also, late-night pizza deliveries and cases of beer really do add up. If you need motivation, swimsuit season is right around the corner.

Bottom line: Tait, Teller and their awesome assistant editor Katy Bunnell believe in you.

*Tait & Teller made this question up.

Katie Teller and Stephanie Tait are The Bulletin's news editors.

Students Speak Up On New Pres

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"After we show the clips and have the discussion, we're going to poll the students present," he said. "I'll then present this information to the Board of Visitors."

Mona Albertine, rector of the BOV and head of the presidential search committee, said the BOV would benefit and take into account any student discussion of the candidates.

"Giving the Board their impressions of each candidate's qualifications is a good idea," she said. However, Albertine pointed out that any type of polling would be ineffective.

"Taking a vote would just be a personality contest which the board would view as not as meaningful as taking part in the survey questions," she said.

Lahmann said he understands that the selection of the president is ultimately the BOV's decision, but that he remains optimistic.

"Yes, they will pick who they want," he said. "But at least this way if there's a swing vote, we've had our input. Additional information can't hurt."

Instead of voting, Albertine encourages students and faculty alike to use the online surveys as the most direct means of communicating their thoughts about the candidate.

"The survey responses and impression cards are some of the tools the BOV will use as we make our decision," she said.

Carter Hudgins, chair of the history and American studies department, said he thinks the BOV is doing the selection process in this way for a specific reason.

"I think they're trying to do this in a way so

that there's no rift between the existing faculty and the new president," he said.

Hudgins said that if the BOV were to take a vote of faculty members, the candidate that the faculty might choose could end up being different than the candidate ultimately chosen by the BOV.

"If that happens, then the new person is going to come to campus with the burden that they have to overcome," Hudgins said. "They're trying not to create an adversarial situation."

Hudgins also pointed out that the president of the University serves at the pleasure of the BOV.

"We're not unlike most places where the president is employed by the board," he said. "While the decision will affect students and faculty, it's ultimately their decision."

Albertine said the BOV and the presidential search committee had tried to incorporate student and faculty input from the beginning of the search process.

"That was the purpose of the open forums last spring," she said. "Data gathered from those forums and information that came out of the personal interviews Korn/Ferry held with administrative officers was summarized. We used that information to draw up our Presidential Search Announcement, listing the qualities we were looking for in our next president."

Lahmann said he was disappointed with the student turnout at the forums held last spring.

"Students don't seem to realize that this is the selection of the person who will represent the University for the next decade," he said.

The forum will be held Friday at 5 p.m. in Lee Hall ballroom, after the last presidential candidate visit ends.

DiRosario Arrested On Sex Charges

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assistant vice president for Human Resources.

Mary Washington Police Chief James Snipes told The Bulletin the only remaining employee who was working in the police department with DiRosario in 1991 does not wish to comment on the indictments.

DiRosario was released from Northern Neck Regional Jail Nov. 16 on \$75,000 bond, but he was re-arrested Nov. 27 on charges of violating the terms of his bond when his wife, Terry DiRosario, alleged that he had stopped by their residence twice while she was at home.

DiRosario was released from jail three days later, but a motion filed by Commonwealth's Attorney Dean Atkins brought DiRosario back in front of a Westmoreland County Circuit Court judge for a bond revocation hearing on Dec. 15.

Judge Harry T. Taliaferro III allowed DiRosario to remain free until his June trial date, under the condition that DiRosario must not attempt to contact his wife or other potential witnesses in the case.

Controversy over the charges leveled against DiRosario has unsettled the Colonial Beach community.

DiRosario's priest, Father Vander Woude of the Catholic Church of St. Elizabeth recalled seeing warning signs posted at the DiRosario home on the 1000-block of Montross Bay Avenue during his parishioner's first stint in jail.

"When he came back from jail there were a bunch of posters up at his house that he had to take down himself," Vander Woude said. "The signs said all kinds of things, like 'Child Molester Lives Here,' 'Don't Let Your Children Come Around This House,' that kind of stuff."

Terry DiRosario has said she posted the signs herself when her husband was first released from jail.

Former town manager Art "Buzz" Buswell, who worked in conjunction with DiRosario in his capacity as Westmoreland County Supervisor, said that he had heard rumors about the alleged incidences, but advised others to take what they hear about DiRosario with a grain of salt.

"We all have some camps of popularity here," Buswell said. "Colonial Beach is the kind of town where you can find a rumor on any street corner at any time."



Fear not!



The Police Beat is on a donut break and it will return next week.

Tait & Teller want your questions!

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Editorial Goodbye, Professor Adera

With the unexpected loss of Professor Tadesse Adera in the English department, we here at the Bulletin send our condolences to his family, friends, colleagues and students.

In addition to this week's loss, we acknowledge others who have passed away in our lives over the past year, and we will keep the lessons they have taught us close to our hearts.

Between classes, work and extra curricular activities, we often forget to tell those who have an impact on our lives how their positive presence has changed us for the better.

It's unfortunate that we often take for granted a person's influence until the chance to say 'thanks' has passed.

We send our greatest thanks to Professor Adera for his dedication to UMW and express our gratitude to the students and staff members who provide us with continual guidance through our college years.

UMW's Future Looks Bright

The new year brings many new changes. And for the Mary Washington community, 2006 includes a new president.

We here at *The Bulletin* would like to commend the Board of Visitors for its selection of the final three presidential hopefuls.

Not only did the BOV manage to stir a couple of highly-qualified women into the mix, it chose three academically-accomplished individuals.

Many of us were expecting a top CEO or a high-falutin' administrator of some sort. It's refreshing to see that the candidates are not just doctors of finance and fundraising; they are experts in academic disciplines that we study every day.

The campus seems to have responded well to the first two candidates' forums, and we are eagerly anticipating that of the third.

We can tell by close examination of the candidates' curriculum vitae that the BOV has a tough decision to make. They have requested our input, and we urge them to take it seriously. After all, we also are the future of UMW.

Race Is A Reality *Affirmative Action Is Necessary In Today's Society*

By BRIAN CAROME
Guest Columnist

The dangerous rhetoric of Patrick Briley's article regarding diversity, appearing in the December 8, 2005 issue of *The Bulletin*, is rather disconcerting.

He presents what appears to be a clear, well-intentioned and common-sense analysis of diversity and its relation to the academic arena.

However, his argument is inherently flawed and his column is merely a subtle, ignorant and uneducated insinuation that affirmative action is not apropos for college admissions.

In a period in American history in which racism is still ubiquitous, we should all be concerned about this subtle, seemingly well-intentioned, yet caustic diatribe against race-remedial affirmative action.

The core of Briley's argument is that race is, in fact, not real. This is a flagrantly misleading assertion. It is true that historically race has merely been a social construct into which people have been grouped, but the veracity of Briley's allegation that this is the case ultimately serves as a refutation of his argument.

Race has, in fact, historically, been a social construct. The question is really why this has been done.

Well, the oversimplified - yet true - answer is that historically, race has been used as an apparatus for subordination, seeking to prevent the undermining of the law's adherence to notions of white superiority.

Now, if this is in fact a historical reality, then it is purely absurd to ignore the reality of race in the collegiate environment and in collegiate admissions.

Conservative, color-blind, strict-construction constitutionalists seem to believe any use of race in an attempt to promote equality is inherently racist, that the mere

acknowledgement of race is inherently racist. This, however, merely serves to perpetuate the very inequality it seeks to extirpate.

Historically, African-Americans and other minorities have been oppressed and disadvantaged, and are still, in many instances, and to ignore race is to merely perpetuate disadvantageous situations for minorities.

Affirmative action offers an opportunity otherwise unavailable and seeks to level the playing field. It is one of the most effective race-remedial actions and is not racist simply in its acknowledgement of race.

Our ancestors in this country have contributed to the current situation of minorities, particularly African-Americans.

To ignore race and allow the perpetuation of this unacceptable situation makes us just as guilty as any Southern antebellum slaveholder.

In a utopian society there would be no such thing as race, but unfortunately, through history, it has been a reality.

To say race isn't real is to live in a fantasy land and to ignore both historical and present realities. We have made race a reality, and to ignore it is to take the easy way out.

To ignore its reality results in ineffective solutions, continued discrimination and oppression. To ignore race as a reality is

utopian, idealistic and unacceptable - however, a better euphemism has arisen in our society - conservative.

Affirmative action merely seeks to level the playing field. If race has been used to eliminate its balance, then it logically follows that race should not be ignored in attempts to restore that balance.

It will only be moral and incumbent upon us as a society to be color-blind when the playing field is level and racism is no longer ubiquitous and is on the road to eradication.

However, at this point, it is simply unacceptable to just ignore race, particularly in collegiate admissions, as education is one of the main areas in which a great rift exists between races.

Proponents of color-blindness demonstrate consistently a propensity for simplicity and for a desire to take the easy way out.

A conversation about color-blindness must not happen until true equality becomes a reality.

I urge Patrick Briley to apologize for his denigration of diversity and reconsider his views.

I urge him to tear down the roof of his fortress of fantasy, see the truth, see the light, see the necessity of race-remedial affirmative action.

Brian Carome is a freshman.

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Good Fences Make Better Neighbors

By AVI EFREOM
Guest Columnist

Though Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat continued to promote terrorism throughout the 1990s peace process, Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak nonetheless accepted the creation of a Palestinian state in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, along with a capital in eastern Jerusalem, in a 2000 peace offer backed by both President Clinton and Prince Bandar of Saudi Arabia.

Arafat rejected this peace offer without making a counter-proposal, and began the terrorist intifada, which despite his death lives on in the terrorism Jewish civilians continue to endure. This has included two attacks last autumn in the northern cities of Netanya and Hadera by the terrorist group Palestinian Islamic Jihad (PIJ).

PIJ is openly armed and funded by Iran, whose president, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, is building a nuclear arsenal and missiles that could carry them not only to Israel, but even to Europe. Ahmadinejad has called for the genocidal annihilation of the Jewish State while attempting to rewrite history by denying the murder of six million Jews in the Holocaust.

Ahmadinejad admits to using Palestinian suicide bombers as a means of waging war by proxy and has thus served to perpetuate a conflict that could have been ended six years ago.

Despite these outrages and their connections to Iran, Israel is committed to fighting terrorism in the least hazardous manner possible, and has begun construction of a security fence between

Israel and the West Bank to nonviolently impede the entry of terrorists into Israel.

Most of the fence runs along the 1949 ceasefire line that separates Israel and the West Bank. The remainder only encloses 5 percent of the disputed West Bank.

Already, the fence has saved countless Jewish and Arab lives, and has reduced suicide bombing by 90 percent. Indeed, because of a similar fence around the Gaza Strip, almost no suicide bombers have entered Israel from there.

In one instance last summer, the terrorist group Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigades, a militant group within Palestinian Authority - leader Mahmoud Abbas's own Fatah Party - recruited Wafa Samir Ibrahim al-Bas, a 21-year old Palestinian woman who was to be treated at an Israeli hospital for severe burns. Had Israeli security not stopped al-Bas at the Gaza fence crossing, tens, perhaps hundreds, would have been murdered when she detonated herself at the hospital.

Israel's security fences prevented this and many other attempted terrorist attacks, saving countless Jewish and Arab lives. It is a model for the world to follow, contrasting sharply with harsher tactics adopted by India, Turkey, Thailand, Sri Lanka, Nepal, the Philippines, Indonesia, Morocco, Algeria and Russia.

Indeed, Russia still suffers the horrors of Chechen terrorism, most infamously the murder of 172 schoolchildren in the town of Beslan.

However, Russia's response has resulted in the deaths of many thousands of Chechen civilians and the destruction of the Chechen capital, Grozny.

Yet, while Israel faces a worse terrorist threat, it has done its utmost to avoid civilian casualties, and to that end has begun building the security fence.

Indeed, perhaps inspired by Israel's example, the Russian government has expressed interest in building a similar fence along its border with Chechnya.

Yet apparently, some would prefer Russia to not adopt this peaceful approach, preferring either its current brutality or unrestricted Chechen terrorism.

In 2000, Arafat rejected peace for terrorism, and, given increased terrorism following Israel's withdrawal of Jewish soldiers and civilians from the Gaza Strip, it appears the current Palestinian leadership is following his example.

Iran's nuclear threat to Israel's very existence has greatly exacerbated the conflict, further diminishing hopes for peace. Until Palestinian leadership ends terrorism, Israel must defend its people.

Yet disturbingly, many would prefer Israel tear down its security fence and leave Jewish women and children defenseless against terrorists committed to Ahmadinejad's dream for genocide against Israel's five million Jews.

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Rave Reviews

For UMW Grad

"A one-of-a-kind feeling," she said, in reference to stepping out under the bright lights of the field as the Ravens took on the Indianapolis Colts that night.

A Bump in the Road

Aside from charity appearances such as last fall's Walter Reed Army Medical Center's fundraiser for troops in Iraq and exclusive membership on one of the only co-ed cheerleading teams in the NFL, Lewis's first season on the team has not been all glitz and glamour.

Last November, Lewis fell as she completed a left turn during cheerleading practice and her left knee immediately swelled up. "I shouldn't have ignored the pain when I did. I just kept on dancing," the 5'8" dancer said.

Weeks later, she felt a complete rip in the same knee as she did a simple drill during cheering practice.

Results of an MRI told her she would need major reconstructive surgery for a torn ACL in her left knee.

Lewis had the surgery on Dec. 7—cutting her 2005 season with the Ravens cheerleading team short.

"It was certainly D-Day," Lewis said.

The timing of her surgery caused

her to miss the last two home games of the season—

including the nationally televised ABC Monday Night Football game on Dec. 19, in which the Ravens demolished the Green Bay Packers 48-3.

The full recovery time from the surgery is six to seven months, yet Lewis still plans on trying out for the Ravens again this spring. She recently ditched the obstructive brace she had been wearing for over a month.

Lewis rolled up her purple velour pants to compare purple surgery scars with junior Anna Synnvested, a dancer in the PAC who underwent a similar surgery after she tore her ACL during PAC rehearsal last spring.

"If you massage the area of the scar it will go away faster," Lewis said.



Experience at UMW

Lewis is no stranger to being injured in college right before a PAC performance.

Two weeks before the PAC performance her senior year at UMW, she pulled her groin as she was holding a high leg pose during a rehearsal.

"I was embarrassed. And I don't get embarrassed easily," she said.

But Lewis wouldn't let a semester's worth of training for the performance to go to waste, and she danced through the pain in the show.

"I remember walking by her dressing room and seeing her icing her

crotch right after she performed onstage [at Dodd Auditorium]," said Jenn Rokasky, another choreographer for the PAC and 2002 UMW alumna. "She said 'I'll be fine'."

Rokasky and Lewis came to UMW in 1998, the year the dance major was dropped from the University.

Many students such as Lewis, who came to the school in hopes of majoring in dance, embraced their membership on the PAC, the remaining thread of dance at the school.

Trained as a ballerina since the age of 12 at the prestigious Virginia Ballet Company, when Lewis came to UMW she used the PAC as an outlet to broaden her style in jazz and precision.

"My freshman year it was almost impossible to get into dances," Lewis said. "Now there's more of an opportunity for dancers to get cast into different pieces."



Experience as a PAC Choreographer

This weekend, Lewis's six UMW dancers will perform an energetic jazz piece to Rob Thomas's "This is How a Heart Breaks."

Lewis says she derives inspiration for her choreography from the emotion she hears behind the music.

"I usually pick a song that hits me, then some type of movement comes to mind," she said.

Last spring, she choreographed an eclectic piece to Marilyn Manson's "Dope Show," in which her dancers displayed robotic and puppet-like movements.

"I make sure to pick music that's not so mainstream," she said.

In 2004, she choreographed to Manson's gothic and heavy metal interpretation of "Sweet Dreams," in which she dressed her dancers in all black with pink bows in their hair.

Junior Natasha Kowalchuk, a dancer in Lewis's piece this semester, has found her choreography to be demanding and challenging.

"She picks experienced dancers for her pieces," Kowalchuk said. "Her dance literally uses every muscle in your body."

Lewis rewards each of her dancers with a 64-oz bottle of water right before their performance, symbolic of how much each dancer sweats while practicing her choreography over the semester.

Lewis recalls her own PAC performance her senior year at UMW.

"My roommates played baseball, and they came to the show to see me dance," Lewis said. "They ended up really enjoying it."

**PAC Show
this weekend
in Dodd:
Sat. @ 8 p.m.
Sun. @ 2 p.m.**

By **TIERNEY PLUMB**
Features Editor

It's a recent Saturday afternoon, and six University of Mary Washington Performing Arts Club members catch their breath as their choreographer, 2003 alumna Suzanne Lewis, demonstrates correct arm placement in Goolrick's large dance studio mirror.

Wearing a deep purple velour sweat suit adorned with hundreds of miniature sparkling rhinestones spelling out 'Baltimore Ravens Cheerleader' on the back, 25-year-old Lewis retreats from critiquing her dancers to discuss what costume she wants them to wear at their upcoming show in Dodd Auditorium.

"What about all camo?" Lewis says.

Lewis was joking about the camouflage, but she is nothing but serious about her dedication to dancing—and she sacrifices a significant amount of her life and limbs in order to do it.

Lewis commutes from her home in northern Virginia to choreograph for the UMW Performing Arts Club (PAC) spring and fall performances, a student-run dance club she herself belonged to until she graduated in five years with a B.S. in computer science and math in 2003.

But her drive to Fredericksburg is not the only hour commute she makes in the name of dance.



Life as a Ravens Cheerleader

"For me, trying out for the Ravens was another opportunity to continue dancing after college," Lewis said, promoted as of Feb. 1 to Account Advisor for Exxon-Mobile in McLean.

Twice a week, she leaves this job in Virginia at 4 p.m. for her second job in another state, battling rush hour traffic on I-495 North to attend a three-hour cheerleading practice in Baltimore.

On these hectic practice days, Lewis doesn't return home to her dog, Molly, and her four fish until 10:30 p.m. "It is a lot of time on the road. But it's worth it," Lewis said.

Each practice begins with a two- to three-mile run to warm-up with the other 51 members, 35 women and 16 men.

"Dancers don't like to run. It's to build up stamina for the games," Lewis said.

Other members such as Lewis balance full-time jobs with their commitment to the team.

A married couple on the Ravens cheerleading team makes the commute from Philadelphia to Baltimore each week for stunt practice.

Once the team was made in March, Lewis and the other members sweated and trained all summer in a poorly ventilated building, anxiously awaiting the season to start.

"You work, work, work all summer, thinking the season will never start," Lewis said.

An array of appearances the week before the season, such as Purple Power Hour, encouraged fan interaction in anticipation for the 2005 season.

"On game days, we arrive [at M&T Bank Stadium] about five hours prior to kick off and continue to drill and practice our material until we have to get ready for the game," Lewis said.

They then squeeze into a dressing room to do their own hair, make-up, and grab a snack before meeting the fans an hour before the game.

On Sept. 11 at 8:30 p.m. Lewis performed in front of a purple sea of 60,000 cheering Ravens fans for the first time.



Photos/logo courtesy www.baltimore Ravens.com

Suzanne Lewis, a 2003 UMW graduate, is a Baltimore Ravens Cheerleader and a choreographer for the UMW Performing Arts Club.

Thumbs Up... Thumbs Down...



The warm January weather.



To skanking it up at the Pajama Party tonight.



The new UMW presidential candidates.



To using nuggets as ammo on Friday night.

Send your own thumbs to bullet@umw.edu

Facebook Groupies

By CLAIRE ASCETTA

Staff Writer

Two hundred-ninety students have united to profess their tendency to smell bad due to an infamous UMW building by joining the "I Smell Like Seaco" Facebook group.

Creator sophomore Colleen Kiley was pleasantly surprised by the popularity of her group, but understands how it is some kind of unifying trait among students.

"I think it's funny that there has been such a following, because it's only a joke that people at our school get, and we can [all] say that we smell like little grease and a bit of pasta. It's a winning combination," she said.

It is hard to deny the power of Facebook, the online directory that connects students on both intercollegiate and now high school networks.

For some, it's a way to get to know people on campus; for others, a means of stalking and being stalked.

"It's really a great way to make new friends based on mutual interests, not just because you're in class together," said junior Jenn Parsick, creator of the "Addicted to Facebook" group.

Since its launch in February 2004, it has become somewhat of a frenzied obsession and an optimal vehicle for procrastination. Students admit they spend hours surfing the site, when they should have been doing something at least mildly productive.

Facebook's primary purpose is to bring students together via social commonalities, which are displayed chiefly in the list of Facebook groups.

Facebook groups link tens and even hundreds of people across campus. Everyday a new group is created in someone else's interest.

If students like their collar popped or are strictly opposed to starched neck shields, students may publicly announce their standing. For television show fanatics who like to recount every episode of "David the Gnome" to "Desperate Housewives," a Facebook group fulfills this urge.

Other groups pay homage to Hollywood hotties or campus celebrities such as Dean of Students Cedric Rucker and Math Professor Wyatt Mangum. Even for those who don't like Facebook groups at all, there's a group for that too (though it only has five members).

The UMW group with the second highest

number of members is "The Society for the Preservation of Naptime" created by senior Catherine Decker and has 735 members (the group with the

glance, speak on behalf of a real cause. Take for example the "Save the Squirrels" group, created by Junior Lisa Blumfelder. Anyone on campus walk last year can remember the vicious fruit attacks on the pitiful population of black squirrels on campus.

"I think the anti-squirrel sentiment on campus has died down considerably compared to last year and the year before," Blumfelder said.

Junior Lisa Blumfelder created a "Save Our Squirrels" Facebook group to protect squirrels on campus. Other Facebook groups include the "Popped Collar" group and the "Preservation of Naptime" group.

highest number of members, 881 in "I Went to Public School, B****," did not respond for comment).

"The phrase 'late night' I think defines the life of a college student," Decker said. "The number one complaint I hear from my friends each day is how tired they are. We're up late for whatever reason and rarely get the sleep we really need. It seems like we're in a constant state of catch up. The solution: take a nap."

Decker says that the idea for "Preservation of Naptime" was actually a friend's idea that came up in a conversation about kindergarten naptime.

Some groups, while appearing comical at first

always enjoyed

watching the furry little creatures run around and do amusing things."

And so was born the "Save the Squirrels" Facebook group, currently boasting a hearty 97 members who all advocate the friendly treatment of UMW's fluffy-tailed campus cohabitants.

Blumfelder has several ideas on how to respect UMW's squirrel population.

"Well when I was a freshman I heard a story about a guy who encountered a friendly squirrel whom he proceeded to kick ten feet," she said. "For starters refraining from punting a squirrel would help considerably."

There's one Facebook group that genuinely brings the campus together to help out in a big way. In the

aftermath of devastating natural disasters overseas, and with a whopping 1,126 Facebook friends here at UMW, senior Brian Strider decided to create a Facebook group called "Donations," which helps send money to developing countries.

"When I formed this group my freshman year, there was a distinct anti-squirrel sentiment on campus. I think The Bulletin even printed an article about how annoying they were, but I

Alumna On The Sweet Road To Success

By KATIE MOLINARO

Staff Writer

Despite Lynn Bragg's closet full of sweet chocolate in her office, she appeared surprisingly slender dressed in a blue suit for her visit to campus last November.

Bragg, a 1976 graduate of Mary Washington College, was last semester's Executive-in-Residence. She discussed both her years in politics and her current position as the president of the Chocolate Manufacturers Association on Nov. 16 and 17.

Bragg was also a Republican Presidential nominee to the U.S. International Trade Commission (USITC) under President Clinton.

"It was the most interesting and demanding job," Bragg said. "You get such a huge sense of responsibility when you take the oath of office. Our decisions carried a lot of weight."

She later served as vice chairman and then chairman of the USITC, both presidential appointments. Made up of Republicans and Democrats, the USITC gives trade advice to Congress and the executive branch of the federal government.

While she enjoyed this government position, she had a craving for something sweeter. Her current job in Tysons Corner as president of the Chocolate Manufacturers Association (CMA) was just what she needed to satisfy her sweet tooth.

The CMA represents U.S. manufacturers and distributors of cocoa and chocolate products.

The organization also funds chocolate research and represents the chocolate industry before Congress and other government agencies.

Bragg shared findings with her listeners at the University on Nov. 17, including scientific research that dark chocolate may help fight cancer.

The CMA also looks out for those who harvest the chocolate beans. Bragg and the CMA, along with other chocolate companies, are currently trying to fight the problem of child slave labor in the cocoa bean rich Ivory Coast of West Africa.

"We're on the ground in Africa right now trying to improve the lives of children," Bragg told the Free Lance-Star newspaper in November. "It's an issue of great concern to our members."

This issue also means a lot to Bragg because of her own children, ages 11 and 14.

Bragg's role as wife and mother was just one of the many things that impressed UMW senior Andi Keefer.

Keefer attended the speech with her Economics 324 class.

"It is so encouraging to see a very successful woman with so much strength and determination who isn't afraid to admit that having a loving husband and children are her greatest accomplishment," Keefer said.

Keefer, a political science major, also appreciated that Bragg took the time to meet with her after the talk.

"I was very impressed by her, especially that she seemed so willing to give advice to young women aspiring to the same goals," Keefer said.

Bragg has seen the number of women increase in government, based on her time spent on Capitol Hill from the early 1980s to the time of the Clinton administration.

"Women made great strides in those years," Bragg said. Louise Morton, assistant director of events at the University, coordinates the Executive-in-Residence program and also kept Bragg on schedule.

The Executive-in-Residence program brings in business leaders each semester for one evening and a day during which there are classes with students at the College of Graduate and Professional Studies and students at the main campus as well as a breakfast for local business leaders and students.

"I like being with young people. It invigorates you," Bragg said.

Morton and others in the Executive-in-Residence program chose Bragg because of her variety of jobs as well as her continued involvement in the University as a member of the Alumni Board.

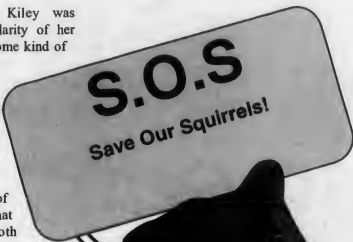
Bragg led classes on topics of ethics and corporate responsibility.

"We thought her career and current job would be interesting," said Morton, who enjoyed learning about the manufacturing of chocolate and the farming of the cocoa beans from Bragg.

Bragg commented on the changes on campus since she attended the school.

A major difference is the increase in male students. Bragg's freshman year was the same year males were first accepted to Mary Washington College.

"I think the increase in men [at the University] has been great because in the real world you work with men," Bragg said. "Being exposed to different people enriches you."



Courtesy chocolatlusa.org

Lynn Bragg, a 1976 UMW alumna, is the president of the Chocolate Manufacturers Association in northern Virginia. She visited UMW last semester as the Executive-in-Residence speaker on campus and spoke about her organization.

Scene



Photos courtesy Morello

After jumping from label to label, the Irish band Morello is ready to take on America. The group played at The Underground yesterday.

From Ireland To The Underground

Dublin Band Rocked Mary Washington On Wednesday

By WILL COPPS
Staff Writer

The Irish rockers Morello was not the typical band to play at the Underground on campus when it came through yesterday.

"We are an Irish band like no other," said rhythm guitarist and backup singer Darren Mulligan.

The band, who classifies its sound as "rock, post-hardcore, and alternative," stresses their high energy songs as a unique part of their music.

"If you listen to their music, no matter what the tempo, you just get pumped up," said Asia Al-Massari, a recent "Fan of the Day" on Morello's Web site.

The band is originally from Dublin, Ireland. After the release of their album, "Alarm/Hold On," they found success in gracing the Top 20 on the Irish Singles Chart. They relocated to New York City last May having completed negotiations for a record deal with label 10-34 Records. The relationship was not meant to last.

"We both differed on what it would take to move the band forward [in the United States] and we parted on good terms," Mulligan said.

The band then moved on to their present record label, DuckPhone Records. The label released the band's first EP and full-length CD, "Twelve Ways to Breathe," last year.

Morello is presently moving on from DuckPhone to Evo Recordings, with a distribution deal through Fontana Distribution and Universal Music. The band insists that it is parting with DuckPhone on amicable terms.

"DuckPhone have been amazing to us and offered us friendship and a willingness to see us move to a bigger label," Mulligan said. He expressed his optimism with the band's new deal, though.

"[It] is amazing, giving us a terrific opportunity to crack the States."

Morello is made up of four Irishmen (Mulligan, his brothers Steve and Mark Mulligan and Dave MacAree) and one Italian (bassist Alex Pregnolato).

"The Italian was on a six month holiday to Ireland to study English and had no intentions of staying longer than six months," Darren said. "That all changed when he saw our ad for a bass player in a local music shop."

According to Darren, playing with his brothers is a positive experience.

"Having three brothers in the band is amazing, it really contributes to the sense of family and unity which a band needs if it wants to survive long term," he said.

Their fans also point to a strong sense of community with the band.

"The main thing that makes them stand out to me is the interactivity with the fans, we e-mail each other daily," said another "Fan of the Day" and street-team member, Matt O'Hare of Katy, Tx.

Morello's concerts have been drawing rave reviews from various magazines for professional musicianship as well as their energetic sound.

"Morello's live show is not for the faint hearted, or the sensitive of hearing – their sound is simply immense," said "Iris Magazine," a music magazine from Ireland.

Gino of DuckPhone Records cited the live show as the reason the band was signed.

"I was blown away by their performance," he said. Gino's praise did not stop there.

"These guys are every label's ideal band, they tour pretty much non-stop. Morello is a self-promoting machine," he said.

Morello was in the middle of their fourth U.S. tour since relocating when they came to the University of Mary Washington. This was their first show in Fredericksburg, but they hope to come back as soon

as March to promote their new album.

Along with the album release and the frequent touring, the band recently released a video for their song, "You've Always Got Something to Say." The video, with shots of the band interspersed with scenes of riots and police, captures the raw energy found in the band's music.

Going through four national tours, three record deals and two countries, the band has shown it has what it takes to stick together through it all.

"They are trying to create their own path in music," said fan Chris Buntain, who doubles as a shirt designer for the band.

A sampling of
Morello's songs from
their new album can
be found on
www.myspace.com/morello.



Students F.E.A.R. New Game

Staff Review

By JOHN SHERIDAN
Staff Writer

Every once in awhile, a game comes along that alters the boundaries of video game genres.

"Street Fighter" showed us how fast and unreal the "fighter" genre could become. "Final Fantasy 7" gave rise to the idea that RPGs (role playing games) could be more epic and imaginative than most written novels. "Metal Gear Solid" brought tactical espionage action that would give Tom Clancy wet dreams.

The FPS (first-person shooter) genre has, for the most part, remained static since its inception with games like "Heretic" and "Doom." A game called "F.E.A.R." has arrived, that in my mind has set the precedent for how absolutely thrilling an FPS should be.

As the gamer can infer from the title, "F.E.A.R." (First Encounter Assault Reconnaissance) is a creepy game. The character is a member of an elite military team, deployed only in drastic situations; more specifically, drastic situations involving paranormal activity. The Ghostbusters would be traumatized by the things players encounter.

It sounds cliché, but one really has no idea what to expect around each corner. The player's mission in the beginning is to intercept a force of enemy soldiers, but the player gets the strong feeling that something much different is at work. At unexpected intervals one finds himself bombarded with startling imagery: an undead face fills the screen for a split second and a demonic child monkey-crawls out from a shadow only to disappear.

Perhaps what truly sets "F.E.A.R." apart from previous FPS games is the combat system.

Combating enemies and surviving involves so much more than running around shooting. The player has a fairly diverse arsenal of firearms, but he can only hold three at a time, so it is necessary to choose wisely. The player can toggle between aiming mode and running mode, as well as peek and fire around corners.

The character employs a time-slowing mode (attributed to his high reflexes) that allows you to place your blows with surgical precision. However, the most definitive aspect of the combat was the melee. The player can pistol-whip, drop kick, slide-tackle and flying bicycle kick his way through unsuspecting crowds of soldiers. The best part about the elaborate combat system is, the enemy is cunning and adaptive, so if the player doesn't diversify his techniques, he won't last.

"F.E.A.R." seems at first like an excellent action game that happens to have a scary theme, but as the story develops it really keeps the player's attention. The combat is without a doubt the focus of the game, but the story provides an excellent subtext and setting that keeps the player pushing forward.

The graphics can be as intense as one's computer can handle, with impressive textures and lighting effects abound. "F.E.A.R." is taking first-person shooters in the right direction: a diversity of options, not just pointing and clicking.

Future FPS games will have to step up the action and the realism if they want to surpass the adrenaline thrill and stylized satisfaction that is "F.E.A.R."

Title: **F.E.A.R.**
Platform: **PC**
Developer:
Monolith
Publisher: **Sierra**



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New CDs This Week

1. Duncan Sheik: "White Limousine"
2. Lena Horne: "Seasons of a Life"
3. The Hellacopters: "Rock & Roll is Dead"
4. Test Icicles: "For Screening Purposes Only"

All CD release dates were Jan. 24, 2006.
All CD cover art courtesy of allmusic.com/

Top 3 Movies

Photos courtesy of imdb.com



1. "Underworld"



2. "Hoodwinked"



3. "Glory Road"

What Is Your Favorite Place To Shop?

Anna Lowell/Bullet



"Thrift stores."

-Chase Llewellyn,
Senior



"Cabela's."

-Kyle Ott,
Senior



"The Mary
Washington Gift
Shop."

-Chris Badolato,
Sophomore



"Victoria's
Secret."

-Theresa Hawkey,
Sophomore



"CVS."

-Mandy
Thompson,
Freshman

"Still Life" Is Anything But

By AMANDA RUSSELL
Staff Writer

My friend explained, "It's about love and redheads," as he handed me a paperback book that looked as though it was on its last leg. Clear tape appeared to be the only thing holding the cover together and one half of the book was no longer connected to the other half. This book had clearly been loved over the years and after reading it, I understand why.

"Still Life with Woodpecker"

by Tom Robbins is a work of fiction that is occasionally romantic, often humorous and always firmly rooted in the surreal.

The book's cover describes it as "a sort of a love story," but do not let that dissuade you. "Still Life" also strives to determine the origin of the redhead (solar-mutated freaks with an excess of sugar or descendants of a superior Earth race?), the role of outlaws in contemporary society, the mystery of the pyramids and whatever happened to the golden ball in the frog prince fairy tale.

"Still Life" opens by introducing the Furstenberg-Barcalons, a European royal family exiled to blackberry-plagued Puget Sound, Wash. Head of the clan is King Max, a gambling addict with a Teflon heart valve. His wife, Queen Tilli, "once the beauty of seven capitals," prays for the state of the

grand opera and the health of her Chihuahua.

Their daughter is the redheaded Princess Leigh-Cheri, who dreams of saving the world, marrying Ralph Nader and discovering how to make love stay. Along for the ride is Gulieta, the last of the family's loyal supporters who speaks no English but has an affinity for frogs.

While attending the Geo-Therapy Care Fest in Hawaii, Leigh-Cheri meets Bernard Mickey Wrangle, a fellow redhead who is known to the authorities as the Woodpecker - wanted for bombing a building on the campus of a Midwestern University in the '60s.

"Unwilling to wait for mankind to improve, the outlaw lives as if that day were here, and I love that most of all," Bernard wrote in a famous letter to his critics.

Bernard and Leigh-Cheri fall in love in Hawaii, though shortly after their return to Washington, the police arrest Bernard and put him in jail without a trial.

As Robbins puts it, the chipmunk at the center of the earth keeps spinning for the rest of the world, but not for Leigh-Cheri. She locks herself in the attic and refuses to come out until the end of Bernard's sentence.

"She tried to name the 50 states and their capitals... she tried to name the nine planets in our solar system and was bewildered to find that she could name 10... she tried to remember why George Harrison was her favorite Beatle only to discover that for some reason she now preferred the rebellious explorer John Lennon."

The book is divided into four phases, not counting a prologue and an epilogue. Interspersed throughout the story are interludes, many of them centering on Robbins' new typewriter, the Remington SL3, and its almost supernatural abilities. One of my favorite chapters in particular was chapter 54: Bernard Mickey Wrangle's favorite homemade bomb recipes.

"Still Life" is a book that you cannot simply read; you must appreciate it on a deeper level. While at first, the story may seem silly and Robbins' various interludes discussing his typewriter may seem interruptive, the book as a whole is incredibly fluid and the writing is never boring.

Robbins uses metaphors with almost reckless abandon, but never lets his descriptions overwhelm. He simply has a way with words that makes you ache to read it, not only out of jealousy, but also out of pure appreciation for what he accomplishes with only a few words.

"Still Life" is a book that you will want to read more than once, to grasp its more subtle nuances and for the sheer enjoyment of it.

Staff
Review

THE HOROSCOPES

By KATIE TELLER
News Editor

This week's birthday: (Jan. 26. to Feb. 2)
Happy birthday, you hot little Aquarius. It's time to celebrate! If you're an unattached Aquarius, and you're sad because you don't have a significant other to spend your birthday with, there might be a Libra who's been eyeing you. Caveat emptor.

Aries (March 21 to April 19)

You know that tasty little Virgo you keep hanging out with on the weekends? It's time to move on. Better things are waiting on the astrological horizon.

Taurus (April 20 to May 20)

Power is the great aphrodisiac, but think about what you could be getting yourself into.

Gemini (May 21 to June 21)

Geminis are notorious for being untidy and disorganized. It's time for you to get your ducks in a row for the spring semester.

Cancer (June 22 to July 22)

Chances are you've fallen off of the proverbial wagon of New Year's resolutions. But it's not too late to hop back on. Find a buddy to keep you motivated.

Leo (July 23 to Aug. 22)

Sorry, Leo, but the stars forgot about your horoscope this week. Don't be too upset. We are all winners here.

Virgo (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)

You're already starting to get a little antsy about Feb. 14. Don't worry. It's OK to be single. It's actually better. And the only people who celebrate Valentine's Day are blowholes.

Libra (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)

You've been trying to get with that Aquarius for a long time. You and your sneaky ways are no secret...because you can't hide from the stars.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

You've got very strong opinions. And that's OK. But you might want to tone it down a little bit, because sometimes you come across as a real jerk. Scorpions have got some real sting in their tails—but sometimes, it's better to hold the venom and just be nice.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)

On the legendary hotness scale of one to 10 (one being freezing cold and 10 being hott-with-two-t's), you rank at 32, which means you're too hot for that dumbass Aries to handle. But a spicy Gemini might be able to take the heat.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)

What have the stars told you about skipping classes? Your attendance is going to be especially important this semester—for all the obvious reasons, like you've got to pass class and graduate, and also for some not-so-obvious reasons: One of your professors is a Capricorn. The stars cannot stress this enough. Go to class.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)

What's up with the snarkiness lately, Aquarius? If you can't say anything nice, don't say anything at all.

Pisces (Feb. 19 to March 20)

Pisces. The stars don't even know where to begin with you and your romantic tangles. It never ends, does it? Bet you feel like you're just swimming in circles and chasing your fins. It's time to start swimming with the current, Fishy.

Bullet Hits

An Editor's Top Five Picks

This Week:

What Is Out In 2006

By KATY HERSHBERGER
Scene Editor

1. Celebrity Couple Name Mash-Ups

Bennifer. Brangelina. TomKat. Not only are they annoying tabloid shortcuts for our favorite couples *du jour*, but they are increasingly problematic. What happens when Ben Affleck started dating another Jennifer—Jennifer Garner? We get "BenGar," which sounds more like a character on *Thundercats* than a moniker. Some relationships don't even lend themselves to titles. Should Paris Hilton and Paris Latsis have become Paris squared? No, just call them by their filthy rich names.

Still in: Long-term celeb relationships like Tom Hanks and Rita Wilson.

2. Rubber Bracelets

Yellow Livestrong wristbands support the Lance Armstrong Foundation for cancer. Green "Save Darfur" wristbands promote awareness of the genocide in Darfur. However, similar bracelets that are engraved with words like "Love" and "Friendship" do not make any kind of a statement, except maybe that the person wearing them is pro-love. If you are going to use your wardrobe to show off your feelings, make sure they are on real issues.

Still in: Supporting a cause you believe in.

3. Facebook Obsessions

Once upon a time a group of Harvard roommates created a new networking Web site, and college students jumped in head first. The ensuing Facebook fervor coined a new verb ("Omigod, guess who Facebooked me!") and students' obsessions dealt a blow to GPAs everywhere. Then people stopped caring as much. Facebook is now primarily functional, used mostly for harmless stalking such as finding out the favorite band of the cute guy in your Psych class or discovering that the head cheerleader at your high school got pregnant.

Still in: Myspace.

4. "Real World"/"Road Rules" Challenges

Since *Road Rules* no longer airs in its original form, MTV has decided to bastardize it by adding "Real World" cast members and "Survivor"-esque eliminations. These people spend their lives on reality TV, completing unexciting challenges and acting like over-sexed high schoolers. The drama is a little bit too reminiscent of teenage squabbles. Advice to the cast: "Winner of 'The Gauntlet II'" is not going to help your resume, so get a real job.

Still in: Project Runway.

5. Public '80s Nostalgia

With the new millennium and VH1's "I Love the..." shows, the '80s were reincarnated. Malls brought back their Rainbow Brite merchandise. James Spader and John Crier have work again. But now in 2006 we can stop recreating a time long gone and work on our own decade's culture. It's still okay to hold on to your personal affinity for leg warmers or Corey Haim, but the public obsession will fall into oblivion just like feathered hair and the saying "Keep on truckin'" did.

Still in: '80s movies. "The Breakfast Club" will never get old.

News

UMW Mourns Loss Of Professor



Tadesse Adera, who taught in the English department for 16 years.

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"He had been feeling really bad," Watkins said, "sweat was just pouring off him."

Watkins said Adera continued teaching the class until students revived called 911.

Students remembered Adera as a tough teacher who taught them a lot.

"He was one of my first professors when I came to this school," said junior Emily Weyant, who took Adera's Global Issues in Literature class. "Coming right out of high school he was pretty intimidating."

"I learned a lot from his class, not only about literature, but about human nature," Weyant said.

Watkins recalled when he and Adera were under heavy pressure to finish grading papers at the end of nearly every semester. They made

a deal to decrease the workload on their students.

"I'd scale back on my assignments..." Watkins said. "He never did it."

Though a tough professor, King said Adera cared for his students.

"He obviously would want to be remembered as the type of professor who was student-oriented," King said. "He always had their best interests as a priority...he always stood for fairness and honesty."

Adera was a native of Ethiopia, where he served as a political prisoner for three years after leading a student protest in Ethiopia under the nation's communist regime.

Adera had been a recipient of the State Council of Higher Education's Outstanding Faculty Award.

He had graduated from Addis Ababa

University in Ethiopia, where he received a bachelor's degree in English literature. He then attended University of Washington, where he received a master's and doctorate in English literature.

Adera had published scholarly articles, poems and a short story, and had edited "Silence is Not Golden: A Critical Anthology of Ethiopian Literature," according to University Relations.

On campus, Adera had served as chair of the Promotion and Tenure Committee, Campus Fulbright Advisor and a member of the Race and Gender Project, the Committee on Special Programs and the Black Faculty and Staff Association.

Adera leaves behind his wife, Iflnessha Haileleul of Fredericksburg; and two sons, Kaaleb Adera and Benyam.

A funeral was held Saturday, Jan. 21.

Karen Gould Debuts In Dodd

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a background in women's studies, Gould touted liberal arts education and cited it as one of the main attractions to Mary Washington.

"We have never needed more profoundly arts and science majors," the 58-year-old dean of the McMicken College at the University of Cincinnati said. She cited her passion for learning as an attribute from her parents, and spoke considerably about diversity and multidisciplinary learning.

"You have to listen and learn from all members and friends of a community in order to lead with your strengths," she said, commenting on values of diversity and community relations.

Gould has high hopes for making the University more well-known outside of the Commonwealth of Virginia, while continuing to make "individualized education needs" a priority that will "uphold the academic integrity" of the school.

Claiming that lobbying for increased allocations was part of the definition of being a college president, Gould talked about affordable tuition rates, increased resources for faculty

research and opportunities for student internships and community learning.

After her short speech to a half-filled Dodd Auditorium, Gould took questions from students, faculty and Fredericksburg residents.

Psychology professor and Faculty Senate President Denis Nissim-Sabat was first to question Gould regarding diversity. Nissim-Sabat cited the race riots in Cincinnati and asked Gould how she responded to the social unrest as dean of McMicken.

Gould called the riots a "wake up call to the city that things had gone amuck," and noted that she has started many initiatives in the name of diversity at McMicken, such as the Center for Access and Transition, which allows students who have not had sufficient college-preparatory high schools to take classes at UC. The students get the classes they need to bring themselves up to speed, and then they are funneled into the collegiate programs of their choice, often with waived tuition fees.

Junior Jay Sinha followed Nissim-Sabat's question about diversity, asking Gould how she planned on increasing what she called a "very pressing issue." Gould said her first step taken

would be to sit down with Students Empowering and Education Diversity (SEED) and ask what strategies they had tried, which had worked, which hadn't, and so on.

"I wish there were a simple way [to increase diversity]," Gould said. "But there's not. It's hard work."

Gould received a round of applause with her response to junior Patrick McGowan's question concerning the living wage campaign.

"There's just the human dignity factor," she said, "and I take that very seriously."

Gould cited her work at UC, where she increased the pay for part-time employees when she discovered they were "woefully underpaid."

When asked about a faculty childcare center, Gould said she would love to be "sat down and educated," and was "open to discussion." Similar comments were made when asked about Honor System, approaches to strategic planning, and tenure.

Her final question came from junior Marshall Vogt, who asked about president-student interaction. Gould said one of the main attractions to the position is the opportunity a small school such as Mary Washington provides for students, administration, faculty and community to be close-knit.

"Knowing students' issues helps us to be a better Mary Washington. We are student-centered, are we not?" said Gould, who called herself a "very social being."

Julie Hollyday, editor of the News Record of UC and senior undergraduate student, agreed that

Gould is indeed very student-centered and well-received.

"I think that students like her," Hollyday said. "I know that for us at the paper she's very accessible, always willing to call you back to answer your questions. I know students who have gone to see her and she has tried everything she can to help them better their problems."

Hollyday noted that her record in diversity is also highly accomplished.

"I think that diversity on campus has been growing over the past few years," she said. "Really that's the goal of the University as a whole, and I think Dean Gould has really taken the University's issues to heart and that's what she's done for us."

Despite her continuous calling of the Center for Graduate and Professional Studies the "Stanford" campus, Gould's presence in Dodd Auditorium yesterday gave a positive vibe.

"She definitely was able to...explain how she will approach being president," Lahmann said. "I got a better feel for her in comparison [to presidential candidate Risa Palm]."

Gould attended Occidental College in Los Angeles for her undergraduate degree in French, and the University of Oregon for her doctorate in romance languages, specifically French. Gould has two children, a 23-year-old son in medical school at UC, and a 21-year-old daughter at New York University.

She has been published many times, and has strong background in French and Canadian women writers.

UMW Meets Risa Palm

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Washington Hall's Dodd Auditorium.

Palm, 63, has served as the executive vice chancellor and provost at Louisiana State University since 2003 and expressed goals for UMW that she would pursue if chosen for the office.

These goals included increasing the institution's name recognition, sharpening UMW's image through branding, recruiting new faculty members without increasing class sizes and increasing diversity in both the faculty and student body.

Palm's curriculum vitae, which was made public by UMW's Presidential Search Committee two days before her visit, describes her current position as combining the roles of chief operating officer and chief academic officer for a campus with a combined undergraduate and graduate population of 31,000 students.

During the open forum, concerns about a possible lack of diversity were raised by audience members.

Senior Grant Lahmann, and junior Jay Sinha, who spoke as members of UMW's awareness group Students Educating and Empowering Diversity. They expressed their hopes that the new president would not only increase the diversity of the student body and faculty but increase funding for related scholarships and a more diverse array of academic courses.

Palm said she was supportive of such goals.

"I want to speak sincerely; I really do believe diversity is an aspect of quality," Palm said. "I would very much be committed to an agenda of creating greater diversity."

When an audience member asked about establishing a living wage for certain workers at UMW, Palm said

she would have to immerse herself in the issue before commenting.

Before serving at LSU, Palm was the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where she was responsible for financial organization and budget planning. Her accomplishments there included establishing an office of undergraduate research and reforming and expanding the study abroad program.

Palm said she would aim to expand study opportunities for UMW students overseas, especially in China.

In her curriculum vitae, Palm cited private fund-raising as a major responsibility and assisted in raising more than \$170 million in private gifts and pledges for the school from 1997 to 2003.

Junior Andrew Lamar asked Palm how she would improve private fundraising efforts at UMW if chosen as the new president.

"I don't accept the idea of being bought by private donors," Palm said.

Palm explained that any private gifts would be reviewed for what programs they would aim to support and said she was part of an initiative to raise funds, which maintained faculty members at UNC.

Palm said the new president of UMW should also make a case for enhanced public funding to the commonwealth.

"A high quality faculty and student body is what it's all about."

Marie McAllister, an associate professor of English, linguistics and speech at UMW asked Palm about her position on tenure-tracks for professors at UMW's Stafford campus.

"Tenure is a value I hold very deeply...it's important for intellectual integrity," Palm said. "It's quite

conceivable tenure can be rewarded on that campus."

From 1991 to 1997, Palm was the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Oregon. There, she took a role in recruiting external department heads for academic departments and employing over 400 tenure-track faculty in 1997.

As the associate vice chancellor for research and dean of the graduate school at the University of Colorado, Boulder, from 1987 to 1991, Palm oversaw research units and faculty members and set salaries and reviewed promotions for tenure-track professors.

Susan Matts, an associate professor of physics, inquired about transparency in governance over a campus such as UMW.

Palm said she was a believer in shared governance for a university.

"A policy won't last if not a lot of people are brought in," she said.

From 1984 to 1987 Palm was the associate vice chancellor for academic affairs at the University of Colorado, Boulder and was the associate dean of the College of Arts from 1981 to 1984 as well.

In addition to her administrative positions, Palm has also worked as a professor over the past three years at five separate academic institutions around the United States. In addition to publishing dozens of short articles and chapters in edited books, Palm has written 12 books focusing on topics in geography with over two dozen refereed journal articles in the same discipline.

Palm earned a Ph.D. in geography in 1972 from the University of Minnesota; she holds a master's degree in geography and bachelor's degrees in social studies education and history with a minor in French all from the university as well.

Frawley To Speak Friday

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come from a consensus "between the senior leadership of the institution and the faculty and students."

"It is the responsibility of all to come to the table with forward-looking and realistic ideas," he said.

He expressed his vision of leadership for UMW.

"Those of us who have taken senior leadership roles in institutions do so for a single purpose: to make decisions in the present that will change the country and the world over the long term," Frawley said. "A presidency is the next natural step for me."

Frawley is currently dean of George Washington University's Columbian College of Arts and Sciences and a professor of anthropology and psychology. Previously, he served at the University of Delaware as faculty director of academic programs and planning and director of undergraduate studies, a position equivalent to vice provost.

Frawley said he was well-qualified to bring money into the University.

"I have been a vigorous and effective fundraiser," Frawley said.

He said he had raised more than \$12 million for the College of Arts and Sciences and his advancement group is expected to exceed its projected revenue by 30 percent.

Frawley expressed an optimistic outlook about the University's future and solving its current problems.

One of these problems UMW, along with schools statewide and nationwide, is facing is diversity of the student body.

Frawley said diversification can be approached a number of ways, and he will discuss them in-depth at his forum Friday.

"[Diversity] is a solvable problem," he said, "with such things as aggressive and innovative recruiting, partnerships with schools and other institutions, special programming, advancement funds and private scholarships and other programs to make UMW visible to diverse communities."

In regards to the continuing campaign to raise classified employees' salaries, Frawley would not comment in detail. He did, however, talk about the integral role staff and faculty members play.

"The institution's staff are essential to smooth and effective operations and their needs must be given close consideration," he said.

Frawley earned a bachelor's degree, magna cum laude, in linguistics from Glassboro State College (now Rowan University); a master's in linguistics from Louisiana State University; and a doctorate in linguistics from Northwestern University.

As dean of the Columbian College, Frawley oversees 42 departments, three schools, programs on several campuses, its own finance and advancement operation, 400 full-time and 300 part-time faculty, some 9,000 students and a \$100 million total budget.

He taught English and linguistics at the University of Delaware and linguistics and anthropology at George Washington University. He will be at the University Friday from 3 to 4:15 p.m.

Viewpoints

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What Happened To Good Old-Fashioned Eye Strain?

By BENJAMIN VIGEANT
Guest Columnist

For the seven readers who regularly follow what I write (also known as the friends I strong-arm into reading these articles), you might remember last semester I wrote an article about the study halls in Trinkle.

My amazingly magnificent and brilliant article detailed the academic environment of Trinkle, and celebrated the few students who studied there past midnight on weekends. Sadly, I have to take it all back.

Like a tweed jacket, a leather bound book, or a pile of ignored yellow student comment sheets, the study halls in Trinkle sweat academia from their pores.

When you sit down, it makes a racket; the chairs are never really comfortable; and the way that everyone tosses a glimpse right up at you as you come in to stare at a bunch of words you don't understand is just part of the Trinkle experience.

There was one other part of the experience that has been unceremoniously removed: the lights.

There is nothing that highlights the magic of studying more than, dim, low light, filtered through dusty light covers. Like love, education has to be musty and disturbing.

Walking into Trinkle was like embracing a friendly old man who smelled like books. He'd pat you on the back and give you a saucy wink. Deep down, you knew that, just because of this old man, everything would somehow be okay. This is all gone.

The lovely lighting that Trinkle received from "experienced" lights is gone, replaced by soulless fluorescent lighting.

The University administration argues that this type of light is not only brighter than the older lights in the room, but uses less energy and lasts much longer.

I think this is poppycock coming from the mouths of a bunch of old Ebenezer Scrooges who would rather save eight pennies than bathe their hard-working, high-paying students with beautiful light.

There are some things that aren't meant to be seen in full light. Ugly people, for instance, benefit from a distinct lack of light.

Government cover-ups tend to work when they're not brought to light. There was one episode of the British science fiction show "Doctor Who" where the villain was named "Light."

I could go on for hours about the villainy of light in its various forms, yet our supposedly "caring" administration turns a deaf ear. Instead, I'm going to take my case to students using a completely fabricated case.

Some logic-smiths might call this an "irrelevant strawman" or something like that - having once seen "Waking Life," I'm pretty up on philosophy - but I think my point stands.

You're working on a project for your major - let's say it's chemical engineering, as I'm not going to give any preferential treatment to any of the existing faculty at this school.

Your project is to do a paper on the adhesion of bacteria to surfaces and its relationship to biofilm formation.

You have all your research out, spread across the many tables in the Trinkle study hall. You pace back and forth, sweating. If you don't finish this paper, you will fail Dr. Vigeant's class (a fictional character made up for my nefarious purposes).

Your brow furrows, the panic begins to set in. You look up at the large fluorescent lights on the ceiling and realize they're to blame for all this. Why?

The light was so incredibly bright that it made him completely blind and therefore unable to read your class notes, and therefore, do your final paper. You fail the class; you're kicked out of college and are disowned by your family.

What sort of malevolent anger does this group of depraved individuals hold toward these people who they are supposed to be helping?

As a powerful guest columnist for the award-winning *Bullet*, I urge the Board of Visitors to include this issue as one of the many as they press the presidential candidates.

Ben Vigeant is a sophomore whose Sister, Dr. Vigeant, is a chemical engineering professor at Bucknell University.

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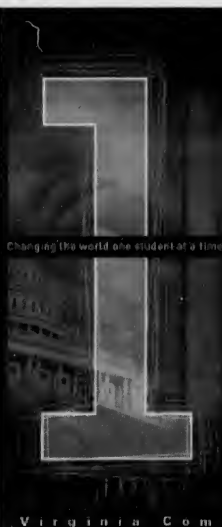
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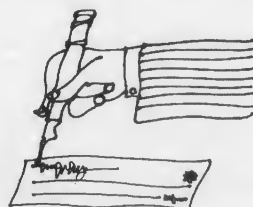
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Out With Old, In With New

Men's, Women's Teams Fail To Keep Upperclassmen Onboard

By JESSICA SIMON
Staff Writer

During the 2002-2003 school year the UMW varsity sports teams were represented by over 150 freshmen. Four years later more than half of these athletes no longer participate in UMW sports. Approximately 65 student athletes will represent the senior class for this school year.

According to Sports Information Director Clint Offen, the University of Mary Washington student body is made up of approximately 10 percent student athletes. But these stats show that a large number of these athletes will not participate in varsity sports for all four years.

"Team sports are where we're losing the most athletes," said UMW Athletic Director Ed Hegmann. "Athletes get frustrated and can just walk away."

Hegmann cited several reasons why athletes do not play all four years of college. The main reason, he thinks, is that athletes simply have become tired of playing the same sport by the time that they get to the college level. He also stated that he thinks this trend seems to apply more to team sports, such as basketball and lacrosse, as opposed to individual sports like tennis.

According to past rosters, the UMW men's basketball team had five freshmen during the 2002-2003 season and currently only have one senior for this season. The 2002-2003 women's basketball roster was not available, but for the 2003-2004 season there were seven sophomores. This season there is only one senior on the team.

Senior Colin Jones played basketball for only one year before deciding not to play after his freshman year. He cited several reasons for not wanting to play after only one season.

"I quit because the school's basketball court was pathetic; my middle school gym was bigger," he said. "Also, teachers are hardly understanding, they look at athletics with contempt. We also had to share the gym with every other sport which meant 5 a.m. practices."

However, the team with the largest drop in athletes is the women's crew team which had 26 freshmen on their roster for the 2002-2003 school year and now only has six seniors on the team.

Hegmann confirmed that crew is a unique sport because most freshmen on the team have never done it before. He said that most are excited about it at first but often drop off once the hard work and 5 a.m. practices begin.

Aside from crew, the women's track and field team has lost the most players, going from 16 freshmen for the 2002-2003 school year to only six for this year.

Track and field coach Stan Soper attributes this to the "long grinding season" of the sport.

"Most of my athletes have been doing this for years and often are tired of it," he said. "It's hard to stay motivated, but the ones with the most dedication and love for the sport are typically the ones that stick it out."

Men's and women's tennis have lost the least amount of players over the past four years. The women's team only had two freshmen for the 2002-2003 season and has one senior this year.



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Senior Colin Jones poses on the basketball court. Jones played basketball for the school his freshman year before deciding to no longer play at the college level. Jones cited problems with practice facilities as one of his reasons for leaving the team. Many athletes like Jones do not play all four years on their respective teams.

The men's team had three freshmen for 2002-2003 and still has three seniors this year.

But men's tennis coach, Todd Helbling, does not think that he is doing anything differently than any other team and that keeping each member of a class on a team for all four years is a rare occurrence.

"I'm recruiting just as hard as anyone else," Helbling said. "I don't think that I've ever had to cut a returning player who made it as a freshman. A good percentage of players tend to drop off on their own though."

Hegmann also believes that many athletes stop playing because the talent that comes in behind them is so competitive. "Sometimes the upper classmen are just not as good as the young kids coming in," he said.

Softball and volleyball coach, Dee Conway agreed. She stated that she recruits players who are either better, or at least at the same level as her returning players. This challenges her returning players to work hard to maintain their position on their team.

Hegmann also cited academics and lifestyle changes as other reasons for athletes not playing a sport for all four years.

For instance, junior Heidi Meredith decided not

to participate in lacrosse this year to explore her other options at UMW. "I quit so that I could do other things including studying abroad this spring," Meredith said. "I've helped to offset the vacancy in my afternoons by going to a kickboxing class at the gym and trying to run on my own."

Field hockey and women's lacrosse coach Dana Hall agrees that academics often get in the way of allowing athletes to play all four years.

"Our student athletes are students first," she said. "Players often have conflicts with professors who only offer single session courses during practice time." Hall also teaches Sports Psychology at UMW.

Senior Andrea Perez played softball at UMW for three years before deciding not to play for her final season this year.

"I decided not to play my senior year because I have a lot of things going on in my life because I am a senior, and I realized that in these past three years of college I was not able to enjoy any of the college experience," she said. "This was due to not only the company I was keeping on the team, but also due to the schedule and strictness of the coaching staff. I am very happy that I decided not to play."

Perez's former teammate, senior Abbey

Wineland, agreed that playing a sport does cause athletes to miss out on many experiences.

"I do feel like I've missed out on a lot of things like the spring formal, spring break, some parties and events, but it is a personal choice that you have to make. I definitely don't regret playing all four years," she said.

Wineland will be one of two seniors on the UMW softball team this year.

Often stated that losing players over the years is not unique to this school and that it happens at most schools. He did say that it happens less at division one schools that can lock their athletes in with scholarships.

Capital Athletic Conference commissioner Richard C. Cook stated that he does not have any firm data proving that a low number of seniors play in the conference.

He did say that he does not feel that it is a trend in the league and hopes that the numbers are higher than half of the members of a class playing all four years.

"This just goes to show just how proud the kids that play all four years should be," said men's tennis coach Todd Helbling. "Hopefully they get the awards and memories that they deserve."

Basketball Has Record Year

Eagles Remain Undefeated On Season

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get it together, at one point losing possession after the ball bounced off a Saint's shoe.

A three pointer from freshman Kaitie Clarkin with eight minutes left in the game reignited the Eagles, putting them up 46-41.

"Clarkin really stepped up and knocked down a lot of threes for us," Applebury said.

Marymount used their last time out with over four minutes remaining in the game, but continued to waste opportunities on offense to get them back in the game.

With under two minutes left, freshman Katy Larson cemented the win with two made free throws.

Clarkin led the Eagles with 17 points, five rebounds and two steals. Sophomore Liz Hickey followed with nine points and seven rebounds. Other key players included freshman Sarah Flanagan and senior Jenn Olinger, who recorded eight points each.

Hickey believes it was UMW's mindset that got them the win.

"We were able to stay composed at the end and that's what pulled us out," she said.

Hanagan was proud of her team's performance.

"We came out ready to play," she said. "We knew Marymount was a good team and we had to

step it up. The first half we were a little slow but the second half we knew this was our home court and we had to defend it."

UMW will defend their home court and attempt to win their 18th straight on Saturday when they host St. Mary's College at 2 p.m.

Applebury acknowledged St. Mary's strengths that her team will have to pay close attention to.

"They love to drive," she said. "They take the ball to the basket very well and we have a tendency to foul in those situations so that's something that St. Mary's is good at that we have to make sure we're prepared for."

Hickey is ready to take on the Seahawks, and any other opponents UMW has yet to face.

"Our team is excited with our record so far, but we're eager to continue the streak and look forward to the tournament."

Although things could not get any better right now, Applebury acknowledges that a perfect record usually does not last forever.

"The probability of us winning every game this season is not very likely and we understand that, and we are just trying to go on and play hard everyday," she said.

The chances that the Eagles finish the year undefeated are statistically very slim.

Aware of the numbers, UMW fans are still hoping this season will defy all odds and become the one to remember.



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Junior Lisa Tracy looks on as freshman Ashton Mitchell waits for the referees call after a fight for the possession with Marymount. The Eagles defeated Marymount, 55-43, to remain undefeated at 17-0.



Sports



Dan Coo/Bullet

Sophomore Peter Sturke takes a quick breather during Saturday's swim meet against visiting Gettysburg College. The UMW women won 113-92 and improved to 7-0, while the men's team improved to 6-1 with a 103-102 win. The Eagles also said goodbye to the six seniors on the team, who swam their final home meet.

Senior Swimmers Win Final Home Meet

By MARIE PURKERT
Staff Writer

The crowd rose to its feet in the Goolrick Natatorium on Saturday as six seniors prepared to swim their final home meet.

Cheering friends and family watched as seniors Jay Beck, Will Bruner, Ben Graboyes, Brian Craddock, Evan McGraw, and Alexa Stanco stood on the deck where they had competed for the last four years, and in front of the pool where they had come together.

Sophomore Sarah Lindberg admires the leadership the seniors have shown.

"They are the role models for both our swimming performances and academic performances," Lindberg said. "They have done a great job of making the team very close."

Head coach Matt Kinney agreed.

"The seniors have been great leaders in and out of the pool for the last four years and will be missed significantly," he said. "They are a hard-

working, fun group to coach and have been a huge part of our success over the years."

After taking a few moments to recognize the seniors, the team focused on the main order of the day: beating Gettysburg College. They did just that.

Eagles seniors left their home pool on a high note as the nationally ranked men's and women's teams swept Gettysburg. The ninth ranked women's team won 113-92, improving to 7-0, while the men won 103-102, and improved to 6-1.

Sophomore Ben Uscinski recognized the importance of the meet prior to the start.

"This is a big meet," he said. "Gettysburg has a lot of depth, and we're going to have to step it up."

The Eagles set the tone early and won the first event of the meet, the 400 medley relays. The men posted a time of 3:39.29, while the women finished at 4:05.57.

With these early wins under their suits, both teams never lost their intensity and pushed through, despite the odds. Before the meet

began, Kinney and the coach of the Gettysburg team had decided to swim the long meet.

"The long meet is where we swim the 200s of every stroke, instead of the 100s, and we also swim the 400 yard relays instead of the 200 yard ones, which is actually a good thing because we're better in the 200 yard events," Uscinski said.

The women's team was led by juniors Maureen Greenlee and Patricia Dilger, who both won multiple events. Greenlee won both the 50 freestyle and the 100 freestyle, in 24.82 and 54.09 respectively, with Dilger winning the 200 individual medley with a time of 2:14.02, and the 200 yard breaststroke in 2:28.00.

Greenlee and Dilger were not the sole first place finishers for the women; they were accompanied by sophomores Lorena de la Garza and Amy Carlson.

The men fought hard to the finish for their win as well, and were led by senior Will Bruner and junior Dale Parker who both won two events. Craddock also put in a strong performance,

finishing first in the 200 freestyle.

Kinney was pleased with both the men's and women's efforts.

"I thought both teams performed well and they stepped up to a great challenge beating a strong Gettysburg team," Kinney said.

Despite the great swims and hard-fought wins, the atmosphere around the pool was bittersweet as swimmers, parents, and fans prepared to say goodbye to the seniors.

Alum Nancy Muncie, whose freshman son Cameron Rice swims for the boys' team, echoed the sentiment.

"It's always sad to see [the seniors] go, but it also paves the way for the future," she said.

Beck's mother, Sharon, seemed to feel the same way.

"Swimming has been such a wonderful experience, especially with such a fantastic coach," Beck said. "For our family we've had 25 years of college swimming."

Saturday may have been UMW's final home meet of the year, but the season is far from over as conference and national meets loom in the near future.

Lindberg has high hopes for the remainder of the season.

"We are all hoping to add a 16th conference championship to our record and send some girls to NCAAs," she said.

The Eagles will return to the pool Saturday at 2 p.m. when they take on both Marymount University and the George Mason Patriots at George Mason University.

Eagles Unstoppable At 17-0

By LAUREN BOSTON
Sports Editor

There's always one season in each college sports team's history that sticks out from the rest. That year when students know they witnessed something special. For the University of Mary Washington women's basketball team, this season just might be the one.

The Eagles faced Marymount University last night, sealing their 17th straight win of the season with a 55-43 advantage and remaining undefeated in a season that has been anything but ordinary.

UMW is one of two teams that remains undefeated in women's NCAA Division III action this year, and as they proved last night, they're going to do everything possible to defend their clean record.

Head coach Deena Applebury has made sure her team remains focused in the midst of a record breaking season.

"When you're winning like we are there's always pressure involved, but I just try to tell the kids that basketball is what brought you here," she said. "You know that teams are going to

come out and play their best games against us. The kids try to keep a level head and we just try to go out and play hard every game."

Marymount would force UMW to do just that, coming out strong as UMW got off to a slow start.

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Applebury was disappointed with first half play.

"We made a lot of mistakes, a lot of key mistakes. We had too many turnovers in the first half and just the misassignments on offense," she said.

UMW went into halftime with a one-point lead over the Saints, 31-30. The Eagles opened the second half with a bang, scoring two back-to-back three pointers to quickly increase their lead to seven.

However, UMW struggled to get open after the initial three pointers, and settled for passing around the perimeter instead of penetrating the inside.

Although the Eagles struggled at times on offense, they remained consistent on defense, holding the Saints to 13 points in the second half.

With a little under 13 minutes remaining in the game, Marymount finally pulled even with UMW, 39-39.

Marymount had several opportunities to capture the lead, but were plagued with missed layups. The Saints were able to move the ball into the paint rather easily, but could not capitalize. Unable to

Upcoming Events

Jan. 28 - Women's Basketball vs. St. Mary's, 2 p.m.
Men's Basketball vs. St. Mary's, 4 p.m.



Courtesy Clint Offen

Athlete of the Week

Senior baseball player Kevin Foeman was named a preseason All-American.

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